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AND THEIR USE

New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the October 2, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to this action two months, to March 2, 2004, and have paid the required extension-of-time fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and § 1.17(a)(2)].

The pending claims appear in the **listing of claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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